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To All Certified Drinking Water Laboratories:

This letter is to inform you of the new regulations adopted by the California Department of Health Services Drinking Water Program that took effect June 12, 2003. The final regulations are posted at

<http://www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/ddwem/publications/Regulations/MCLrevisions6-12-03.pdf>.

The regulations consist of revisions to the MCLs for Atrazine, Cyanide, Ethylbenzene, Methoxychlor, Oxamyl, and 1,2,4-trichlorobenzene, and a reduction in the DLR for atrazine (from 0.001 mg/L to 0.0005 mg/L).

To ensure that you stay current on any pending or newly effective regulatory changes and laboratory issues, we suggest that you regularly (at least monthly) check both the websites for the Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP) and Division of Drinking Water and Environment Management (DDWEM).

- ELAP <http://www.dhs.cahwnet.gov/ps/ls/elap/elapindex.htm>
- DDWEM <http://www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/ddwem/>.

On its website, DDWEM maintains a matrix that provides a monthly update on all regulations in the development and adoption stages, along with draft regulations when available.

If you have questions related to accreditation, you may contact ELAP at 510.540.2800. If you have any questions about the regulations, you may contact Alexis M. Milea at amilea@dhs.ca.gov or 510.540.2177.

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